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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: SWAPO INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS

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1. SWAPO'S DAKAR-BASED WEST AFRICAN REPRESENTATIVE, TIMOTHY HISHONGWA, WHO HAS JUST RETURNED TO SENEGAL AFTER ATTENDING SWAPO CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING EARLIER THIS MONTH, DISCUSSED NAMIBIA DEVELOPMENTS WITH EMBOFF AUGUST 25.

2. HISHONGWA SAID CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING HAD TAKEN PLACE AT SECRET LOCATION, RATHER THAN IN LUSAKA AS ANNOUNCED, BUT ASSURED THAT THERE WAS NO INTENTION OF TRANSFERRING SWAPO HEADQUARTERS AWAY FROM LUSAKA. HE TOLD EMBOFF THAT WEST GERMANY HAD BEEN BEHIND INTERNAL STRUGGLE IN SWAPO WHICH LED TO ARREST OF SHIPANGA AND OTHERS. FRG HAD BEEN SECRETLY CHANNELLING MONEY AND OTHER BENEFITS TO SHIPANGA IN HOPES HE COULD BE STRENGTHENED
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TO POINT WHERE HE COULD TAKE OVER SWAPO LEADERSHIP FROM SAM

NUJOMA, AND LEAD SWAPO INTO WINDHOEK TALKS. HISHONGWA SAID 1,000 SWAPO SOLDIERS WHO SIDED AGAINST NJUOMA WERE NOW IN "RE-EDUCATION CAMPS," WHILE LEADERS OF DEFEATED FACTION WOULD BE TRIED BY SWAPO MILITARY TRIBUNALS. OTHER THAN THESE MEASURES, HISHONGWA PORTRAYED INTERNAL STRUGGLE AS ENDED. EMBASSY IS NOT IN POSITION TO EVALUATE THIS INFORMATION, BUT PASSES IT ON AS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST.

3. HISHONGWA WELCOMED US POSITION ON WINDHOEK INTERIM GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS, SAID SWAPO HAD NO OBJECTION TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S TALKS WITH PRIME MINISTER VORSTER AND CREDITED INTERNATIONAL PROTESTS WITH HAVING DELAYED THUS FAR SOUTH AFRICA'S EXECUTION OF NAMIBIAN DISSIDENTS CONDEMNED IN MAY. HOWEVER, HE URGED THAT US SYSTEMATICALLY ESTABLISH CONTACTS WITH SWAPO IN OUR OWN INTEREST AND THAT WE ACKNOWLEDGE PUBLICLY AND EXPLICITLY SWAPO'S INDISPENSABILITY TO ANY FUTURE SETTLEMENT IN NAMIBIA.

4. PURSUANT TO REFTELS, EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED COMMUNIQUE FROM MAY PRESS CONFERENCE IN DAKAR IN WHICH HISHONGWA DENIED THAT SWAPO WAS CONSIDERING ESTABLISHING GOVERNMENT IN EXILE, SAYING IT WOULD PREFER TO DO SO IN LIBERATED AREAS OF NAMIBIA ITSELF.

5. HISHONGWA SAID HE WAS BEING TRANSFERRED TO SWAPO OFFICE IN STOCKHOLM AND THAT HE AND ORGANIZATION'S LONDON REPRESENTATIVE WERE TO BEGIN EXTENSIVE PROGRAM OF TRAVEL IN NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE TO GENERATE PUBLIC SUPPORT.

6. EMBASSY IS POUCHING AIRGRAM EXPANDING ON ABOVE POINTS, PLUS LENGTHY DOCUMENTS APPROVED BY CENTRAL COMMITTEE INCLUDING CONSTITUTION, POLITICAL PROGRAM, AND OTHER ITEMS.
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